

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12, 14-16, 18-26, 28, and 31-33 and 35-45 are pending in the present application, Claims 2, 9, 11, 13, 17, 27, 29-30, and 34 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8, and 26 have been presently amended. New Claim 45 has been added reciting features similar to Claim 1 but in non-means plus function format. No new matter was added.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-10, 12, 14-28 and 31-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,769).

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Swearingen to detail his understanding of the telephonic interview of February 21, 2008 and to provide in the outstanding Office Action comments on how the claims should be amended for allowance.

Accordingly, the present amendment follows the examiner's suggestion.

Hence, Claims 1, 8, and 26 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to patentably define over Lee et al.

Entry of Amendment: This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which after final rejection permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, or presenting amendments touching on the merits upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not presented earlier. The present amendment adopts the examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added, and this amendment does not raise

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new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and the claims passed to allowance.

Conclusion: In light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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